Raids on residence of MD of TFL

1404. SHRI BAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax authorities have searched the office and residences of former Managing Director of Tata Finance Limited (TFL) and other executives;

(b) if so, what are the details of search and seizurs conducted on Managing Director and other executives of TFL;

(c) whether any action has been taken to recover the amount from these executives and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the search carrid out on 19th December 2001, cash of Rs. 2,50,000/-, travellers cheque of US $ 1900, bonds of US $ 25000, 690 sterling pound and certain incriminating documents were seized.

(c) Investigations are in progress Tax shall be recovered from them after making assessment of indisclosed income on the basis of this search to be completed within the statutory time limit of two years from the end of the month in which last search warrant was executed.

Laws for prevention of drug trafficking

1405. SHRI AIMADUADDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of officials of World Customs Organisation and Interpol, monitoring illicit trafficking of drugs and contraband including opiate at the international level, had lately expressed serious concern over poor laws for preventing the menace and their enforcement in India, alleging nexus between law enforcer and traffickers;

(b) the details of seizures made during 1997 onwards and whether seizures show a sharp decline; and

(c) whether Government have reviewed the effectiveness and efficacy of the relevant laws and their enforcement, and the outcome of such a study and the steps being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No such concern, expressed by any team of officials of the World Customs Organisation or Interpol, has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) No, Sir. The details of seizures of various drugs made during the years 1997 onwards, as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) In veiw of the replies to parts (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Statement

Details of seizures of various drugs made during the year 1997 onwards (as on 30 June, 2002), as reported by various Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, is as under:

(in Kgs)

Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 (as on 30.06.02)
Opium	3316	2031	1635	2684	2533	592
Morphine	128	19	36	39	26	12
Heroin	1332	655	861	1240	889	285
Ganja	80886	68221	40113	100056	86929	31308
Hashish	3281	10106	3391	5041	5664	1597
Cocaine	24	1	1	0.35	2	1
Methaqualone	1740	2257	474	1095	2024	2090

Production of illicit drugs in Himachal Pradesh

1406. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of large scale production of illicit drugs in the Kulu-Manali area of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what has been its impact on the economy of the area; and